Abstract

A gas generator for slowly inflating an air bag at the early stage of the inflation and then rapidly inflating it or discharge a clean gas evenly around a housing. The gas generator includes a gas generating agent (6) and an squib (8,9) in the housing (1). The squib (9) is disposed eccentrically to the axis (a) of the housing (1). A high temperature gas is generated in a combustion chamber (4) because of the combustion of the gas generating agent (6) ignited by the squib (9). The permeability of the high temperature gas through inner cylindrical member (2) closest to the squib (9) is lower than that through the part other than the inner cylindrical member (2).